

SCHOOL BUS 'S' ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Delaware law requires school bus operators to carry a passenger "P" and school bus "S" endorsement on their driver license.

In order to receive the "S" endorsement, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age with 1 year of driving experience.
2. Must hold or qualify for a commercial driver license (CDL) with P (passenger) endorsement.
3. May not have more than 5 points on his/her 3-year driving record at the time of the application.
4. May not have had his/her license suspended, revoked or disqualified in this State or any other jurisdiction for moving violations in the last 5 years.
 - a. If you transferred your out of state license to Delaware within the last 5 years, you must provide a certified driving record from your previous state
5. The applicant may have **never** been convicted of any of the following crimes under the laws of this State or of any other jurisdiction:
 - a. Any crime constituting the manufacture, delivery or possession of a controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance classified as such in Schedule I, II, III, IV or V of Chapter 47 of Title 16;
 - b. Any crime against a child;
 - c. Any crime constituting a class A or B felony;
 - d. Any crime constituting a felony homicide, including, but not limited to, murder, manslaughter and vehicular homicide;
 - e. Any crime constituting a felony sexual offense;
 - f. Any crime constituting a felony offense against public administration involving bribery, improper influence or abuse of office; or
 - g. Any crime other than those listed above, constituting a felony for which the person has not been pardoned or for which less than 5 years have passed since the person fully discharged all imposed sentences. As used herein, the term "sentence" includes, but is not limited to, all period of modifications of a sentence, probation, parole or suspension and all forms of fines, restitution or community service.

If all of the above qualifications are met, the applicant must:

Appear in person at one of the following State Bureau of Identification (SBI) locations to apply for a criminal history background check. This check shall include a national criminal background check, in addition to a review of the applicants' Delaware-based criminal history, a fingerprinting of applicants who are subjected to a national criminal background check, and expressly authorizes the use of records of the Federal Bureau of Identification for screening the applicants.

Blue Hen Corporate Center
655 South Bay Road, Suite 1B
Dover, DE 19901
(302)739-5871

Delaware State Police Troop
100 Lagrange Ave
Newark, DE 19702
(302)739-2528

Thurman Adams State Service Center
546 S. Bedford Street, Room 202
Georgetown, DE 19947
302-739-2528

- Background checks are valid for a period of 6 months
 - The entire background check process may take up to 6 weeks
6. The applicant must provide proof (yellow card) he/she successfully completed a training course through the Department of Education (DOE). Contact DOE for instruction to become a school bus driver and details surrounding training.
 7. The applicant must pass a skills/road exam in a school bus administered by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Additional responsibilities a current "S" holder must keep in mind:

- A current "S" holder may not have more than 8 points on his/her 3 year driving record.
- Any time a license with a school bus endorsement is suspended, revoked or disqualified for moving violations, or the driver exceeds 8 points for moving violations, the school bus endorsement shall become invalid, and the endorsement shall be removed from the license.